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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement #49 Emergency Order: 55

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon with an announcement for Egegik and an update for Ugashik District fishermen. The time is 3:00 p.m. and the date is Monday, July 9, 2012.

In Egegik: Escapement for July 8, was 44,000, catch was 253,000. Through July 8 cumulative escapement is 1.032 million and cumulative catch is 4.1 million sockeye.

Commercial fishing will be permitted in the Egegik District with set gillnet gear from 5:30 p.m. Tuesday July 10 until 1:30 a.m. Wednesday July 11......an 8 hour period. Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will be permitted from 5:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10......a 6 hour period.

Fishermen in Egegik District should stand by at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 10 for the next possible announcement.

In Ugashik: Escapement for July 8 was 15,000, catch was 105,000. Through July 8 cumulative escapement is 111,000 and cumulative catch is 1.7 million sockeye. The inriver estimate is 120,000.

We have seen an increase in passage into the Ugashik River over the past four tides. However, we will evaluate additional information before committing to a course of action for tomorrow. The earliest possible time for the next opener would be on the afternoon tide on Tuesday. Ugashik District fishermen should not go dry and stand by at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10.

Read on VHF 7 and SSB 2509: July 9, 2012 3:00 p.m. Connected EO's: <u>2F-T-55 12</u>	
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